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18. SUBJECT: SECDEF MEETING WITH VICE PREMIER TIAN JIYUN (U)

ON 11 MAY 1988, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CARLUCCI, ASD/ISA
M: TAGE, AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM DEFENSE AND STATE MET
APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES WITH TIAN JIYUN, VICE PREMIER OF THE
ATE COUNCIL OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. THE MEETING,

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WHICH TOOK PLACE IN THE VICE PREMIER'S SUITE AT THE MADISON HOTEL, WAS CHARACTERIZED BY A FRIENDLY AND OPEN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON SEVERAL IMPORTANT ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN. INCLUDED ON THE CHINESE SIDE WERE AMBASSADOR HAN XU, MOFER: VICE MINISTER LU XUEJIAN, DEFENSE ATTACHE ZHANG WUTANG, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF TIAN'S OFFICIAL DELEGATION. TIAN WAS IN WASHINGTON ON AN OFFICIAL THREE-DAY WORKING VISIT THE FOCUS OF WHICH WAS CO-CHAIRING WITH SECRETARY VERITY THE ANNUAL JOINT COMMISSION ON COMMERCE AND TRADE.

2. (S) AFTER AN INITIAL EXCHANGE OF PLEASANTRIES, VICE PREMIER TIAN INITIATED THE DISCUSSION BY NOTING THAT THIS WAS HIS FIRST TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES. DESPITE HIS HEAVY SCHEDULE, HE WAS IN HIGH SPIRITS AND VERY SATISFIED WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS. HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN, VICE PRESIDENT BUSH, SECRETARY SHULTZ AND OTHER USG LEADERS HAD ALL BEEN CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY. TIAN NOTED THAT IN HIS THREE SHORT DAYS IN THE U.S., HE ALREADY HAD DEVELOPED SEVERAL DEEP IMPRESSIONS:
-- THERE EXISTS A DEEPLY ROOTED AND PROFOUND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND CHINESE PEOPLE, BOTH WITHIN GOVERNMENT

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AND AMONG THE "MEN ON THE STREET."

-- BOTH GOVERNMENTS PLACE GREAT IMPORTANCE ON THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. BOTH ARE COMMITTED TO SUSTAINING AND DEVELOPING THAT RELATIONSHIP, AND HAVE SOUGHT TO PREVENT CERTAIN POTENTIALLY HARMFUL ISSUES FROM BECOMING TOO PROMINENT.

-- WHILE THERE HAS BEEN PROGRESS IN THE AREAS OF TECHNOLOGY SHARING AND THE EXPANSION OF TRADE, THE LEVEL OF COOPERATION IS STILL WAY BELOW WHAT IT SHOULD BE; A VAST RESERVOIR OF COOPERATION REMAINS UNTAPPED.

3. ~~(S)~~ TIAN CONCLUDED THESE INITIAL REMARKS BY STATING THAT WHILE CHINA APPRECIATED SECDEF'S EFFORTS TO ENHANCE FRIENDLY COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, ATTENTION ALSO NEEDED TO BE GIVEN TO ELIMINATING NEGATIVE FACTORS. IN THAT REGARD, TIAN NOTED THAT IF LIBERALIZATION OF HIGH TECH TRANSFERS WAS APPROVED, THERE WOULD BE A GREAT EXPANSION IN U.S.-PRC MILITARY COOPERATION. AT THIS POINT, THE VICE PREMIER CONVEYED DEFENSE MINISTER QIN JIWEI'S GREETINGS, AND REITERATED TO SECDEF AN INVITATION TO VISIT CHINA.

4. ~~(S)~~ IN RESPONSE, SECRETARY CARLUCCI INDICATED HE WOULD

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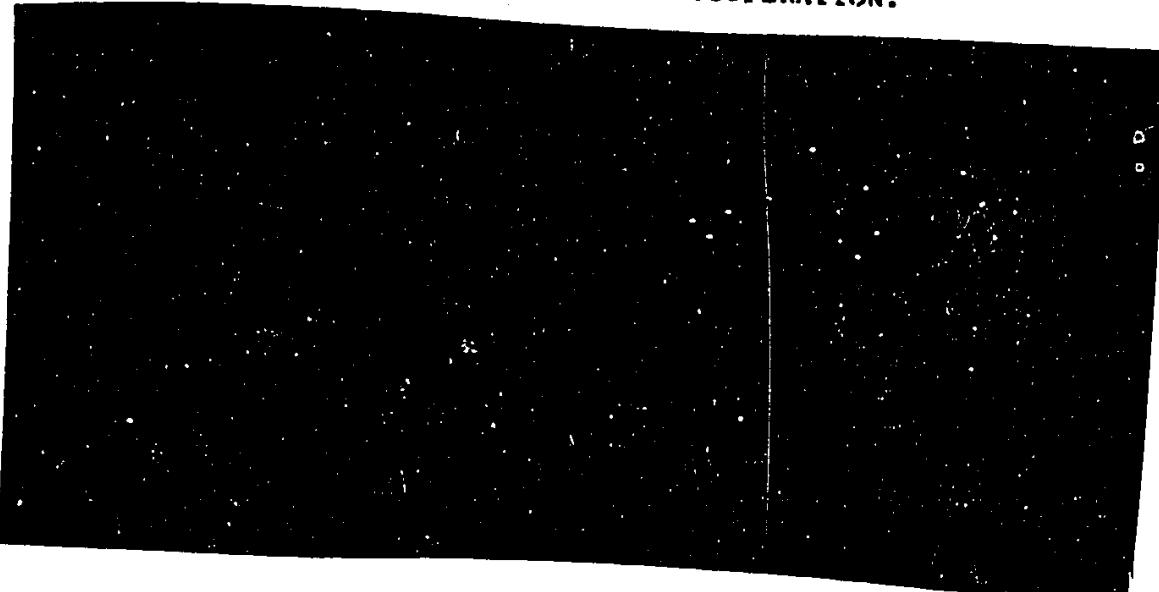
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WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT CHINA, AND ASKED TIAN TO CONVEY TO MINISTER QIN HIS GREETINGS AND ^{HIS} HOPE THAT THE DEFENSE MINISTER COULD VISIT THE U.S. AT AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY. IN RESPONDING TO TIAN'S SUBSTANTIVE POINTS, SECDEF [NOTED ME] AGREED THAT THERE IS A FUNDAMENTAL BASE OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CHINA. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE SHARED STRATEGIC AND REGIONAL INTERESTS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES ON WHICH DIALOGUE HAS BEEN VERY GOOD. IN THE MILITARY RELATIONSHIP, THERE HAS BEEN STEADY PROGRESS IN THE AREAS OF HIGH-LEVEL VISITS, FUNCTIONAL EXCHANGES, AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION.



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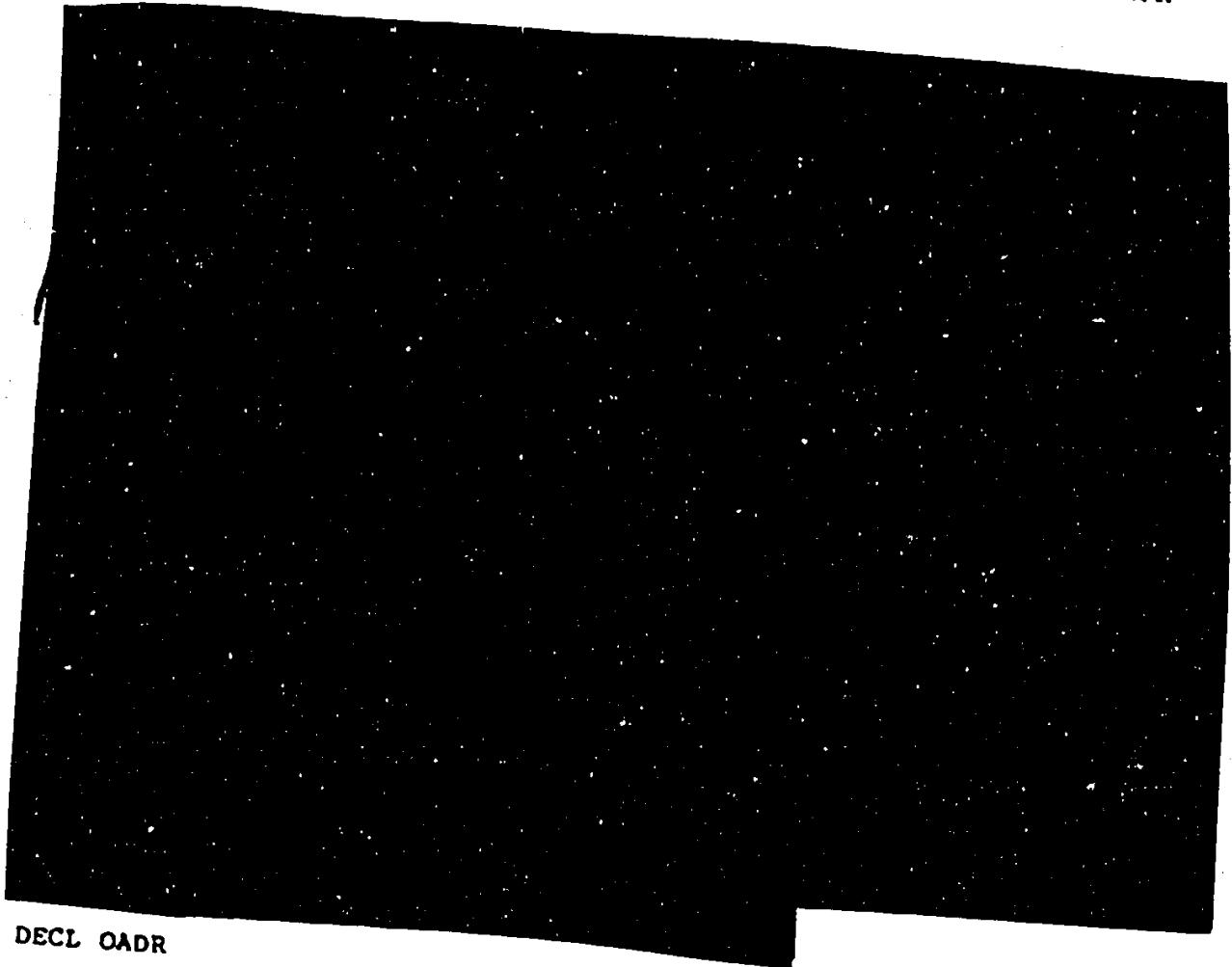
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